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Attachment 10

To: State Board of Fire Services

From: Caryn Petty, Deputy State Fire Marshal, State Fire Training

SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:

Las Positas College Initial Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) Accreditation

Recommended Actions:

Recommend that Las Positas College become an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for the initial accreditation period of three years.

Background Information:

An accreditation site visit was conducted on August 29, 2018, at Las Positas College located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, California. The Site Visit Accreditation team included Supervising Deputy State Fire Marshal Chris Fowler, SFT; Deputy State Fire Marshal Caryn Petty, SFT; Battalion Chief of Training Kris Hubbard, Cosumnes Fire Department; and California Fire Technology Director's Association representative Brian Preciado, Solano Community College. Introductions were facilitated by Las Positas College Public Safety Coordinator Jane Moorhead and included Las Positas College representatives Interim President Roanna Bennie, Interim Vice President David Johnson, and Deans Don Carlson and Nan Ho. Also in attendance were Las Positas College Fire Services Technology Coordinator German Sierra, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Battalion Chiefs Aaron Lacey and Jason Solak, and program staff members George Freelen and Chad McMullen. A review of the provided Self-Assessment Report was conducted by the Site Visit Accreditation team followed by a tour of all classrooms and training facilities with opportunity to review training course records and complete equipment compliment.

Las Positas College began as an extension of Chabot College in 1963, becoming an independently designated community college site in 1988. In 1990, the Chabot- Las Positas Community College District was established to provide management and delivery of fire science and emergency medical courses, thereby satisfying the increasing vocational training demand of the region. Through its dedicated motto of "Training

Tomorrow's Heroes Today," the Las Positas College Fire Service Technology Program continues to attract students from throughout the region with great post-graduation career placement success throughout California and the nation at-large. The students of Las Positas possess great pride in their institution, their program, and themselves, being held in high esteem as on-campus and community leaders. The Public Safety Club is the largest student organization on-campus, the Fire Service Technology Honor Guard routinely garners recognition for excellence, and students proudly adhere to uniform standards during all College attendance.

The College maintains focus on well-rounded education, having created a program plan that incorporates Associate Degree completion designed to equip entry-level firefighters with the foundational knowledge to foster their fire service careers. The College is dedicated to diversification through its outreach efforts to under-represented populations including female, minority, and veteran students. Las Positas College is an exemplary community member, working closely with neighboring agencies, facilities, and schools to bolster student interest and enrollment.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

A tour of the training facilities indicated sufficient classroom space with neighboring Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department facility agreement providing a fully functioning training tower with all necessary props, tools, equipment, and vehicles to accommodate a fire academy training program.

Las Positas College is transitioning to the 2013 Fire Fighter I curriculum and is positioning itself to participate in upcoming certification exam testing. This program has the necessary space and props to enable certification exam testing in partnership with the the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. Several Registered Instructors within the College cadre participate in the Academy delivery and Las Positas College intends to begin hosting additional SFT courses at their facility and in conjunction with cooperating agencies.

The team traveled from the Las Positas College campus to the designated training grounds at Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department at 3301 Busch Road. Student records and training archives remain secured at the College in accordance with SFT requirements. The campus provides state-of-the-art academy classroom spaces equipped with audio/visual equipment and seating conducive to active learning. All students are provided computer access for training program and course usage.

The best practices observed by the site evaluation team included a passion and dedication to education and training of the highest caliber. Great pride and effort is exuded by staff and students to create an exemplary training program. The College maintains admirably cooperative relationships with neighboring agencies and institutions, with steadfast focus on producing model fire service professionals. Las Positas College maintains a strong devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization.

The site team is unanimous in the recommendation of Las Positas College being accredited as an Accredited Regional Training Program in the SFT system.